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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPAGANDIST ON STATE OF CSCE

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. SOVIET PROPAGANDIST LECTURER COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON STATE OF PLAY AT CSCE AT JUNE 4 EVENING PRESENTATION IN LENINGRAD. HE CHARACTERIZED NEGOTIATIONS IN OPTIMISTIC TERMS, BUT ACCUSED WESTERN CIRCLES OF "HAGGLING" OVER ISSUES ON FAR-FETCHED APPROACH THAT SOVIET UNION SHOULD PAY A PRICE FOR CONCLUDING CSCE. RECENT NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL WAS CRITICIZED IN THIS REGARD.

2. MONTH OF JULY SAID TO LOOK LIKELY FOR CONCLUDING STAGE OF CSCE WITH FINNISH GOVERNMENT STANDING READY WITH ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITIES. PROPAGANDIST DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF AGREEMENTS NOT WRAPPED UP BY JULY, CONCLUDING STAGE WOULD SLIP TO SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER DUE TO FACT THAT MONTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF AUGUST "A DEAD SEASON FOR EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS" BECAUSE OF

VACATIONS, ETC.

3. ONLY COMMENT ON ISSUES WAS THAT POSITIONS NOW VERY CLOSE ON
CONFIDENCE MEASURES. WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES SAID TO BE
HOLDING OUT FOR 500 MILE ZONE ON NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS WITH
SOVIETS' WANTING 100 MILE ZONE. WEST ALSO ASKING FOR NOTIFICATION
OF DIVISION STRENGTH MOVES VERSUS SOVIET POSITION OF NOTIFICATION
ONLY IN CASE OF 3 OR 4 DIVISIONS.

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